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	Examiner Jinhee J. Lee	Art Unit 2831	

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 March 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 recites the limitation "said vertically spaced first and second groups" in line 10-11. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Yoo (KR 0267212).

Re claim 1 (as best understood), Yoo discloses a coupling set for connecting a ground plate comprising: a first group of connection members and (11-1, 11-2, 11-3 for example) having an upper connection piece (11-2 for example) having a key protrusion (15a for example) formed on the upper portion thereof, respectively, and a lower connection groove (the unnumbered bottom one of 14a for example) having key groove (unnumbered, shown also at 14a for example) formed on the respective lower portions

thereof; and a second group of connection members (11-3 for example) having an upper connection piece having a key protrusion (unnumbered , bottom one of 15 for example) formed on the upper portion thereof adapted to fit in said lower connection groove, respectively, and at least one lower supporter formed in the respective lower portions thereof, said first and second groups, each having mount seats (11b for example) , and ground copper plates (20 for example, disclosed in Yoo, in the same way as the applicant's figure 2) each with a ground terminal (23 for example) mounted on mount seats (11b for example) of the connection members. Yoo does not explicitly disclose that the second group of connection members are below said first group. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have the second group of connection members below said first group, since it has been held that rearranging parts of an invention involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Japikse*, 86 USPQ 70. Note, it has been held that the recitation that an element is "adapted to" perform a function is not a positive limitation but only requires the ability to so perform. It does not constitute a limitation in any patentable sense. *In re Hutchison*, 69 USPQ 138.

Re claim 2, Yoo substantially discloses a coupling set as set forth in claim 1 with the ground terminal (23) that comprises a lower fixing plate (unnumbered at the riveted portion for example), and an upper connector whose terminating portions are open (unnumbered at the end of 23 for example). Yoo does not explicitly disclose the middle bent portion of the ground terminal. However, it would have been obvious to modify the device of Yoo with different types of configurations since Applicants have presented no

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explanation that this particular configuration of "middle bent portion" is significant or is anything more than one of numerous configurations. A person having ordinary skill in the art would have found it obvious to modify the device of Yoo to the claimed configuration with a middle bent portion. A change in shape or configuration is generally recognized as being within the level of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Daily*, 149 USPQ 47 (CCPA 1976).

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 3/15/06 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's arguments Yoo does not disclose the claimed device, Examiner disagrees. It is obvious as indicated in the now 103 rejection above.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinhee J. Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-1977. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, Th and F at 6:30AM-5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean A. Reichard can be reached on 571-272-2800 ext. 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Jinhee J Lee
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jinhee J. Lee', is written over the printed name and title.

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